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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.   (Previously presented) Dry extract obtained from roasted by-products of hard-shelled fruit and pulse processing, whereby the by-products are membranes and/or fruit residues of hard-shelled fruits, pulses or mixtures thereof.

2.   (Previously presented) Dry extract according to Claim 1, wherein said hard-shelled fruits are nuts.

3.   (Previously presented) Method for production of the dry extract according to Claim 1, comprising the extraction of the by-products of hard-shelled fruit and pulse processing and drying of the extract.

4.   (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 3, wherein the extraction is carried out in stages.

5.   (Previously presented) A method of coloring a product comprising the addition of the dry extract of Claim 1 to the product.

6.   (Previously presented) A method to stabilise anthocyans and/or anthocyanidins comprising adding the dry extract of Claim 1 to a product containing said anthocyans and/or anthocyanidins.

7.   (Previously presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein said product is a food.

8.   (Previously presented) A method to form a film comprising applying said dry extract of Claim 1 to a substrate to form said film.

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9.   (Previously presented) A food product comprising the dry extract of Claim 1.

10.   (Previously presented) The dry extract of Claim 2, wherein said nuts comprise walnuts, hazelnuts, peanuts, chestnuts, cashew nuts, almonds, brazil nuts, pistachios, or a combination thereof.

11.   (New)   The dry extract of claim 1, wherein said pulses and hard-shelled fruits are hazelnuts, peanuts, chestnuts, cashew nuts, almonds, brazil nuts, pistachios, or a combination thereof.